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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. OPERATION TEXAS: OPERATIONS SUMMARY TGI202200H.

A. OPERATION TEXAS IS A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 5 KM SOUTH OF THE CHU LAI TAOR CENTERED AROUND THE AN HOA OUTPOST VIC (9S 473863).

B. TASK ORGANIZATION:

7TH MARINES CMD GRP (CP BS 6082)

3D BN 7TH MARINES

2D BN 4TH MARINES (RESERVE)

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5TH ARVN ABN BN (CMD GRP COLOCATED WITH USMC)

C. OPERATION BEGAN AT 200845 WITH LANDING ZONE PREP BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. ARTY UNITS (BTRY 155 HOW) PREPOSITIONED AT (BS 555892). 5TH ARVN ABN BN LANDED FIRST AT 200930H VIC (BS 466872) WITH NO OPPOSITION. 3/7 FOLLOWED IN SAME ZONE. AT 201052H ONE HELO RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM 1 KM WEST OF LZ. LIFT COMPLETED 201625H. NO OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED. APPROX 201800H LZ VIC (BS 477867) DECLARED HOT; ONE HELO UNABLE TO LAND. UNITS CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS GENERALLY TO SOUTH.

D. PLANS: L/3/7 WILL MOVE TO VIC (BS 455844); K/3/7 TO (BS 459855); 3/7 CP TO (BS 454848); CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS TO SOUTH. INTEND TO HELO LIFT CO E/2/4, F/2/4 AND D/1/4 INTO LZ VIC (BS 590815) AT 210900H TO CONDUCT S&D EAST TO HIWAY NR 1.

E. NO SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED.

2. OPERATION OREGON: SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 25 KM NW OF HUE. 1ST BN FOURTH MAR (-) LAND BY HELO 203815H IN LZ EAGLE (YD 548425) AND ROBIN (YD 553436) AND SWEEP SE TO DESTROY EN RPT TO BE LOCATED FROM (YD 5472) TO (YD 6040). BTRY OF 155 HOW TOWED 4TH BN 12TH MAR DISPLACE VIC (YD 5234) DURATION OF OPERATION APP 48 HRS.

B. TASK ORGANIZATION: TASK GROUP FOXTROT

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1ST BN 4TH MARINES (-) CO A, B, E/2/1.

W BTRY 4.2

M BTRY 4/12

30 MIN ALERT IN-TAOR CO'S H AND G 2/1 - K/3/3 1ST ARVN DIV
MINUTE STANDBY.

C. L-HR EST 200815H, HOWEVER NECESSITATED SLIPPAGE OF TWO HRS. NINE M-46 AND SIX M-34 MOVED INTO LZ'S AT 201015H BUT ABORTED. WX IN LZ DETERIORATED SUFFICIENTLY TO PREVENT LANDING. AIR AND ARTY CALLED TO PREP LZ'S PRIOR TO SECOND ATTEMPT. AT 201255H FIRST HELO LIFT IN. BY 201415H ALL UNITS INSERTED, MOVED SE WITH NO CONTACT AT THAT TIME.

D. AT 201445H CONTACT MADE WITH EST VC SQD VIC (YD 557433) ARMED WITH AW AND WELL DUG IN. ALSO ENCOUNTERED EN MINEFIELD VIC (YD 556433). SUSTAINED 7 WIA IN FIRST ENCOUNTER.

E. ARVN BN ESTABLISHED BLOCK AT APPROXX 201530H FROM (YD 526472) TO (YD 489446) TO (YD 540476) TO (YD 5802452).

F. BY 201615H FIRST BN FOURTH MAR HAD CHANGED DIRECTION OF ATK AND MOVED NORTH AND WEST FROM APPROX LINE (YD 550450) TO (YD 5654500) TOWARD ARVN BLOCKING POSITS TO EXPLOIT VC CONTACTS AND SIGHTINGS GEN VIC GRID SQUARES (YD 5644) AND (YD 5744)..

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G. RESERVE CO E/2/1 LIFTED INTO LZ ROBIN AT 201650H.

H. AS OF 202220H FIRST BN FOURTH MAR STILL IN CONTACT WITH EST 3 VC CO'S. ARTY AND AIRSTRIKES USED EEXTENSIVELY.

I. FRIENDLY CAS 6 KIA, 44WIA.

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NO SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION. BN POSITION AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD WAS (BS 458843).

(2) OPN OREGON. BN SIZE S&D OPN 25 KM NW HUE, COMMANDED BY TASK GROUP FOXTJTT CONSISTING INITIALLY OF 1/4TH MAR (-), WITH PLANNED COMMITMENT OF 2/1ST MAR (-), 1/4TH MAR LANDED BY HELO WITH COS A, B, AND E/2/1ST MAR VIC (YD 528438) AT APPROX 201000H AFTER WX CAUSED DELAY IN EXCESS OF 2 HOURS. FIRE RECEIVED IN LANDING ZONE AT APPROX 201050H. AT 201445H VIC (YD 557533) INITIAL GROUND CONTACT MADE WITH WELL DUG IN VC SQUAD ARMED WITH AW. BY 201615H 1/4TH MR HAD CHANGED DIRECTION OF ATTACK AND WERE MOVING NW TOWARD VC SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS VIC (5644) AND (YD 5744). ENGAGED EST 3 VC COMPANIES; CONTACT BROKEN BY VC AT APPROX 202145H; BN LOCATED (YD 5544).

9. PLANS SUMMARY

(1) OPN TEXAS. 3/7TH MAR MOVES TO VIC (BY 4584) AND CONDUCTS S&D OPNS TO YOUTH. 2/4TH MAR WILL LAND 210900H LZ VIC (BS 495825) AND WILL PATROL AND SEARCH NORTH AND EAST LINKING UP WITH 3/7 MAR VIC (BS 486840); THEN SWEEEPING SE.

(2) OPN OREGON. 1/4TH MAR SWEEPS FORTIFIED VILLAGE AT (YD 555433); SWEEPS S AND SE IN S&D OPN. 2/1ST MAR LANDS AT LZ DUCK (YD 528438) AT 210930H; ATTACKS FORTIFIED VILLAGE VIC (YD 5345) AND

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CONTINUES S&D OPNS TO S AND SW. TASK GROUP F CP LANDS IN LZ DUCK AFTER 2/1ST MAR LIFT.

(3) DURING NEXT 24 HOURS III MAF UNITS WILL CONDUCT 64 PATROLS, 133 S&D OPNS AND 127 PATROLS.

C. MAJOR UNIT OPN:

1. (1) NAME GGXOPN: TEXAS
 - (2) CONTING HQS: 7TH MARINES
 - (3) TYPE OPN: S&D
 - (4) DTG INITIATED: 200930H
 - (5) PROVINCE: QUANG NGAI (BS 4581)
 - (6) PURPOSE: ENGAGE AND DESTROY VC UNITS IN WREA
 - (7) PARTICIPATING UNITS: 7TH MAR. HDQ, 3/7 MARINES, 2/4TH MAR (RESERVE)
 - (8) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING
 - (9) RESULTS: CUMULATIVE

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WIA-2	KIA (POSS)-3
 - (10) CUM CAS SORTIES: 26; DAMAGE: UNK
 - (11) CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUN FIRE SUPPORT: UNK
2. (1) NAME OF OPN: OREGON

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FORCING ARVN TROOPS TO AN HOA OUTPOST, 8 MILES SOUTH OF CHU LAI. ALTHOUGH COMMUNICATIONS WITH AN HOA HAD BEEN LOST DURING THE VC ATTACKS OF 18-19 MARCH, ARVN AUTHORITIES REPORTED THE OUTPOST TO BE IN FRIENDLY HANDS AT THE TIME OF THE LIFT. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AS THE HELICOPTERS APPROACHED THE LANDING ZONE BUT AS THE FIRST HELO TOUCHED DOWN, HEAVY FIRE COMMENCED FROM THE ENTIRE PERIMETER OF THE ZONE. THE SECOND AIRCRAFT WAS FORCED TO WAVE OFF BECAUSE OF HEAVY BATTLE DAMAGE. THE THIRD AND FOURTH HELOS LANDED, DISCHARGED THE ARVN TROOPS, AND MANAGED TO EVACUATE SOME ARVN WOUNDED ALREADY IN THE AREA BUT FUTURE LANDINGS ABORTED DUE TO THE HEAVY FIRE. WHEN ARVN AUTHORITIES DECIDED AN HOUR LATER TO RETRACT THE TROOPS PREVIOUSLY INSERTED, THE HELOS RETURNED TO AN HOA. DESPITE A ONE HOUR LANDING ZONE PREPARATION, 5 OF THE FIRST 6 UH 34'S APPROACHING THE LANDING ZONE WERE HIT BY INTENSE FIRE AND 3 OF 4 HELOS WHICH LANDED RECEIVED HITS. FIVE CREW MEMBERS WERE WOUNDED IN THIS OPERATION, BUT ALL ARVN TROOPS WERE SUCCESSFULLY RETRACTED. SEE FOLLOWING ENTRY FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTION AT AN HOA.

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(2) A COORDINATED ARVN-USMC OPERATION TO RELIEVE AN HOA COMMENCED AT 200845H. PARTICIPATING UNITS FOR THE OPERATION, CALLED TEXAS, ARE 3D BN, 7TH MARINES; 2D BN 4TH MARINES; AND THE 5TH ARVN AIRBORNE BN. USMC OPERATIONS ARE BEING CONTROLLED BY 7TH MARINES REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS. FOLLOWING A LANDING ZONE PREPARATION BY MARINE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT, THE ARVN BN LANDED 1000 METERS NE OF AN HOA, AT (BS 466872), WITHOUT OPPOSITION. 3D BN 7TH MARINES FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AFTER IN THE SAME ZONE, AGAIN WITHOUT OPPOSITION. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS GENERALLY TO THE SOUTH WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING OPPOSITION. 2D BN 4TH MARINES REMAINED IN RESERVE DURING THE DAY. AT 202200H, THE 7TH MARINES CP WAS AT (BS 6082), EAST OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, CO-LOCATED WITH THE ARVN COMMAND GROUP. PLANS FOR 21 MARCH CALL FOR MOVEMENT SOUTH AND EAST OF AN HOA.

(3) ALSO ON 20 MARCH, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES COMMENCED OPERATION OREGON, 25 KM NW OF HUE. BAD WEATHER POSTPONED FOR FOUR HOURS THE PLANNED HELILIFT SCHEDULED FOR 200815H BUT BY 201415H, ALL UNITS HAD BEEN HELILIFTED INTO THE AREA. BOTH AIR AND ARTILLERY WERE USED TO PREPARE THE LANDING

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ZONES (YD548425) AND (YD553436). AFTER LANDING, THE MARINES MOVED SOUTHEAST TOWARDS (YD 5472) TO (YD 6040), WHERE ENEMY FORCES OF UNKNOWN SIZE HAD BEEN REPORTED. CONTACT WAS MADE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY (201445H), WHEN AN ESTIMATED VC SQUAD, WELL DUG IN AND WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, INFLECTED 7 WIA ON THE ADVANCING MARINE FORCE (YD 557433). THERE WAS NO REPORT OF VC CASUALTIES. THE ATTACK THEN SHIFTED NORTH AND NORTHWEST, TO DRIVE VC CONTACTS AND SIGHTINGS IN THE AREA INTO ARVN BLOCKING POSITIONS. BY 202200H, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WAS REPORTED TO BE STILL IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY, NOW ESTIMATED AT 3 COMPANIES. SIX MARINES HAVE BEEN KILLED AND FOUR WIA. VC CASUALTIES NOT BEEN REPORTED. PARAGRAPH 2.E. (INTELLIGENCE) OF THIS REPORT CITES AGENTS' REPORTS WHICH INDICATE INCREASED ENEMY EMPHASIS ON THE AREA NORTH

(4) RETURNING TO VIETNAM AFTER THREE MONTHS IN OKINAWA, BLT 3/4 ARRIVED IN THE PHU BAI AREA ON 19 MARCH ABOARD USS PAUL REVERE (APA248), USS SKAGIT (AKA-105) AND USS CATAMOUNT (LSD-17). UNLOADING OPERATIONS WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL 20 MARCH BECAUSE OF HAZARDOUS SURF CONDITIONS. IN THE INITIAL UNLOADING, ONE

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M-6 WAS SWAMPED ENROUTE TO THE BEACH, RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF ONE 105MM HOWITZER AND ONE M-35 TRUCK, ALONG WITH THE LCM. SALVAGE OPERATIONS ARE UNDERWAY. BLT 3/4, IT WILL BE RECALLED, WAS PREVIOUSLY AT PHU BAI FROM 14 APRIL-24 DECEMBER. LT COL SUMNER A. VALE IS THE BLT COMMANDER.

(5) BETWEEN 182400H AND 192400H III MAF INITIATED 375 SMALL UNIT ACTIONS; TEN OF THESE RESULTED IN VC CONTACTS. OF THE TEN, SEVEN WERE IN THE DANANG AREA, WITH THE REMAINDER MADE BY CHU LAI UNITS. THERE WERE 19 OTHER CONTACTS, ALL VC INITIATED. FROM ALL CONTACTS, 5 VC WERE KIA AND 25 VC SUSPECTS DETAINED; 2 MARINES WERE KIA (1 BY BOOBY TRAP) AND 7 WERE WIA (4 BY A SINGLE M26 BOOBY TRAP).

(6) ON 19 MARCH, MARINES EVIDENCED IN A DIFFERENT WAY THEIR HUMANITARIAN INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE. THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES, IN THE DANANG AREA, GAVE 150 POUNDS OF GRAIN TO OCCUPANTS OF A HOUSE ACCIDENTALLY BURNED BY A MARINE SMOKE GRENADE AND THEN GAVE 50 POUNDS OF RICE TO A WOMAN WHOSE FIELD HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY AN ONTOS.

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1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ).

A. OPERATION OREGON. 1/4 MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 3 VC CO'S AT 201445H. CONTACT LASTED UNTIL 202200H. 1/4 ATTACKED NORTH WEST INTO ARVN BLOCKING POSITIONS LOCATED ALONG A LINE FROM (YD 506472 TO YD 489446 TO YD 540476 TO YD 580452). THE RESERVE CO E/2/1 WAS LIFTED INTO THE AREA AT 201630H. ON 21 MAR 1/4 WAS SCHEDULED TO SWEEP FORTIFIED VILLAGE AT (YD 555433). 2/1 (-) WITH COMMAND GROUP G/2/1, H/2/1 AND G/1/1 LANDED IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA AND ATTACKED FORTIFIED VILLAGE VIC (YD 5345). CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES TO DATE: FRD: 9 KIA, 41 WIA. VC: 34 KIA (USBC).

B. OPERATION TEXAS/LIEN KET 22. 2/4 (-) SCHEDULED TO LAND WITH 3 COMPANIES IN LZ VIC (BS 495825) AND WILL SWEEP NORTH AND EAST TO LINK UP WITH 3/7 VIC (BS 486840) AND THEN SWEEP SOUTHEAST. ONE RF CO SCHEDULED TO HELILIFT TO LZ (BS 473862) TO REOCCUPY AN HOA OUTPOST. 1/5 (ARVN) WILL SWEEP EAST FROM (BS 497877). 5TH ABN WILL SWEEP EAST THEN SOUTEAST. 21ST BN ON THE RIGHT, 1/5 ON LEFT. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT RE. ED.

2. (U) II CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

3. (C) III CTZ: IN BINH TUY PROVINCE VIC VO XU (YT 8233), THE 1/52 (-) INF WAS ATTACKED AT 210100H BY AN ESTIMATED 2 VC COMPANIES UTILIZING SA, 57 RR AND MORTARS CONTACT WAS CONTINUING AS OF 211430H. A TOTAL OF 14 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED PLUS FLARESHIP AND ARTY. LATEST RESULTS ARE: FRDLY 12, KIA, 23 WIA, 2 MIA; VC: 67 KIA (BC), 7 VCC (ALL WIA). AT 211000 THE 51ST RGR BN WAS MOVED BY AIR FROM BIEN HOA TO VO DAT TO REINFORCE THE ENGAGED UNITS.

4. IV CTZ.

A. OPN CUU LONG 15 IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED. INITIAL CONTACT WAS MADE AT 210310H VIC XS 160930 WITH AN UNK NUMBER OF VC. A TOTAL OF 36 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED THE OPERATION. RESULTS TO DATE FRD: US - 1 KIA, 3 WIA, ARVN - 11 WIA. VC: 24 KIA (VNBC), 8 IND WPNS, 400 KILOS RICE & 10 MINES SEIZED.

B. IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE A SUBSECTOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION INVOLVING 2 RF CO'S MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC VIC WR 735210 AT 210320H. RESULTS: FRIENDLY NONE. VC: 19 KIA (VNBC), 8 IND WPNS SEIZED. NO TAC AIR SUPPORTED.

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1. ~~OPERATION KINGS~~ FIRST WAVE OF 2/4 LANDED LZ VIC BS 4982. ~~RECEIVED~~ MODERATE SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WPNS FIRE RECEIVED FROM NORTH AND EAST OF LZ. AT 211650H, 2/4 HEAVILY ENGAGED AT BS 500825 WITH AN ESTIMATED VC BN ARMED WITH 57MM, 60MM AND 50 CAL. TE 3.1, AT CHU LAI, HAS BEEN ALERTED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN AN EXPLOITATION ROLE. 51 TAC AIR SORTIS SUPPORTED AS OF 1600H. NO CASUALTY REPORTS AVAILABLE.

2. ~~OPERATION OREGON~~. AT 211030H, A AND B CO'S OF 1/4 HEAVILY ENGAGED VIC YD555433 AND YD 556433. UNIS RECEIVING INTENSE AUTOMATIC WPNS AND 60MM FIRE. FIRST WAVE OF 2/1 LANDED LZ VIC YD 5344 AT 211135H. ALL ELEMENTS OF 2/1 IN LZ BY 211530H. 2/1 REPORTS NEGATIVE CONTACT.

3. ~~OPERATION KINGS~~. OPERATION CONTINUES WITH LIGHT RESISTANCE. MOVEMENTS SLOW BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE FORTIFICATIONS THROUGHOUT AREA. NO CASUALTY REPORTS AVAILABLE.

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1. OPERATION TEXAS: OPNS SUMMARY TO 21300H.

A. AT 210900H SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR LANDED WITH THREE COS IN LZ VIC (BS 495825) CONDUCTED FAN PATROLLING AND SEARCH OPNS TO NORTH AND EAST, LINKED WITH THIRD BN, SEVENTH MAR VIC (BT 486840). THEN SWEEP SE IN RIGHT PORTION OF USMC ZONE. THIRD BN, SEVENTH MAR SWEEP THRU VINH TUY COMPLEX (BS 4585) LINKED WITH SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR AND SWEEP TO SE IN LEFT PORTION OF ZONE.

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B. FIRST WAVE OF SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR INTO LZ AT 210900H RECD SA AND AW FIRE FROM VILLAGE NORTH AND EAST OF LZ. AT 211100H FOXTROT SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR AND CMD GP LANDED. RECD FIRE FROM EST 40 VC AT (BS 502826). AIR STRIKES CALLED. VC WITHDREW TO SE. THIRD BN, FIRST MAR STANDING BY FOR POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION.

C. THIRD BN, SEVENTH MAR ASSEMBLED VIC GRID SQ (BS 4984) FOR RESUPPLY BEFORE RE-DEPLOYING AND CONTINUING SWEEP AT 211445H. BEGAN MOVING TO SE AGAIN WITH CO L ON LEFT AND CO K ON RIGHT IN ZONE. SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR DEPLOYED AND COMMENCED ATK TO EAST FROM LZ AT 211225H. CAME UNDER EXTREMELY HVY FIRE FROM EST VC BN AND PULLED BACK VIC LZ TO PERMIT RVY ARTY AND AIR STRIKES.

D. THIRD BN, FIRST MAR COMMENCED LANDING VIC (BS 495805) AT 211630H WITH LIFT COMPLETED 211752H. RECD SA FIRE ENROUTE AND IN LZ. ONE UH-34 CARRYING 7 PASSENGERS HIT BY GND FIRE DURING APPROACH TO LZ. FIRE BROKE OUT AND HELICOPTER CRASHED INVERTED. 7 PASS AND 3 CREW MBRs KILLED ON IMPACT, OTHER CREW MBR CRIT.

E. ENEMY CONTACT. THIRD BN, SEVENTH MAR NEG CONTACT PRIOR TO BEGINNING MOVE TO SE. AT 211515H CO L BEGAN RECD SA FIRE

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SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR EST HUY CONTACT WITH EST VC BN VIC
VILLAGE (BS 502826). RECD HUY AV, SA, 57RR, 60 AND 81MM
MORTARS AND 50 CAL M3 FIRE FROM STRONGLY ENTRENCHED POSITS
(BS 500824) TO (BS 500828). THIRD BN, FIRST MAR NEG CONTACT
TO DATE. EXCEPT IN INITIAL LANDING.

F. VINH TUY AREA VIC (S4587) SWEEP BY THIRD BN, SEVENTH
MAR DURING MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON NEJLY ABANDONED
EXCEPHFEW WOMEN, CHILDREN KD ELDERLY. AREA ABOUNDS C
UNHARVESTED ICE AND OTHER FOPG DUCY. MUCH VC
RPROPAGANDA, SPIDER TRAPS, TUNNEQ AND FIGHTING HGES. AREA
APPEARS COMPLETELY VC DOMINATED.

G. AIR: FOUR MAJOR TRP LIFTS TODAY. ADDIT ONALLY EMERG REC-
ON RETRACTION, EMERG AMMO RESUPPLY AND NUMEROUS MED EVACS.

30 AIRCRAFT RECD HITS. CREW CAS (INCLUDES D ABOVE) 4 KIA,
11 WIA, 25 VC K9A. 51 JET SORTIES DIVERTED TO TEXAS AREA.

2. OPERATION OREGON. AT 211030H A AND 3 CO FIRST BN, FOURTH
MAR HEAVILY ENGAGED VIC (YD 555433) AND (YD 556433) REC IN-
TENSE AW AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 211100H SE SECTOR OF TAOR

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SECOND BN, FIRST MAR LANDED LZ VIC (YD 436525) AT 211135H.
FOXTROT CO LANDED AT 211210H. BRAVO CO AND SECOND BN, FIRST
MAR CMD GP ENROUTE AT 211330H. NEG ENEMY CONTACT IN AREA AT
211330H. ALL UNITS SECOND BN; FIRST MAR AND TASK GP FOXTROT
IN LZ BY 211530H. CASUALTIES - FRIENDLY 10 KIA, 42 WIA.
ENEMY 48 KIA, 53 POSS KIA, 20 (POSS) KIA.

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 III MAF DAILY SITREP 80-66 202400H TO 212400H MARCH 1.66.

1. OPN SUMMARY

A. GENREAL

(1) OPN TEXAS. AT 210900H 7TH MARINES COMMITTED
 2/4TH MAR, WHICH COMMENCED HELO LANDING VIC (BS 494826). HEAVY
 SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM EST 40 VC VIC (BS 502826) DURING LANDING.
 FIRE RETURNED KILLING 2 VC. 1 USMC WIA. 2/4TH MAR LIFT
 COMPLETED 211105H. COMMENCED ATTACK TO EAST 211255H. HIT EST
 VC BN IN FORTIFIED VILLAGE VIC (BS 502826). ARTILLERY PREP

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INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES ON ENTRENCHED VC. MAR CONTINUED ASSAULT AGAINST DETERMINED RESISTANCE AND AIRSTRIKES CALLED. 3/1ST MAR COMMITTED TO OPN, LANDING AT 211630H VIC (BS 495805). DURING LIFT UH-34D HIT BY GROUND FIRE, CRASHED IN ZONE AND BURNED WITH 10 KIA, WIA. PRESENT PSNS: 3/7TH MAR, (BS 50984) TO (BS 550383); 2/1TH MAR, (BS 497829) TO (BS 497824); 3/1ST MAR, (BS 495805). ARVN FORCES COMMITTED 1/5TH REGT (VN) AND 4/4TH APC WHICH CONTINUED DRIVE EASTWARD ON 7TH MAR LEFT (NORTH) FLANK.

(2) ~~OPN OREGON~~ VC ACTIVITY IN OPN OREGON DIMINISHED DURING REPT PERIOD. AT 211140H 1/4TH MAR VIC (YD 553433) REPORTED 8 VC KIA, 1 SMG, AMMO AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED. 2/1ST MAR JOINED OPN 211145H WHEN LIFTED INTO LZ DUCK (YD 528438) AND AT 211345H COMMENCED S&D OPN EAST. TASK GROUP FOXROT AT 211410H DEPARTED PHU BAI AND OPENED CP AT (YD 126435). AT 211720H AO CALLED ARTY MSN ON VC PLAT IN OPEN VIC (YD 580417) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

B. PLANS SUMMARY

(1) ~~OPN TEXAS~~. ALL UNITS ATTACK EAST THROUGH FORTIFIED VILLAGE ZONE TOWARD PHASE LINE RED WHICH RUNS ALONG TRAIL (BS

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499784) TO (BS 521837) AND IN ORDER TO PHASE LINE BLUE WHICH FOLLOWS STREAM FROM (BS 534767) TO (BS 530787) THEN TO (BS 534808) TO (BS 543817).

(2) OPN OREGON. 1/4TH MAR CONTINUES TO SWEEP GENERALLY TO SW FROM PRESENT POSITIONS VIC (YD 5344); 2/1ST MAR SWEEPS NW AND THEN SW FROM (YD 5345).

(3) ~~DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS 111 MAR UNITS WILL CONDUCT 97 PATROLS, 103 S&D OPNS AND 134 AMBUSHES.~~

C. MAJOR UNIT OPN:

1 (1) NAME OF OPN: TEXAS

(7) PARTICIPATING UNITS: 7TH MAR HQ, 3/7TH MAR 2/4TH MAR, 3/1ST MAR.

(8) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING

(9) RESULTS: CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
KIA-25	KIA-117
WIA-101	KIA (POSS)-143
	KBA-32
	KBA (POSS)-46
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(10) CUM CAS SORTIES: 46 DAMAGE: UNK

(11) CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: NONE

2. (1) NAME OF OPN: OREGON

(7) PARTICIPATING UNITS: TG FOXTROT HQ, 1/4THMA,
2/1ST MAR

(8) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING

(9) RESULTS: CUMULATIVE

USMC ENEMY

KIA-10 KIA-42

WIA-42 KIA(POSS)-53

KBA(POSS)-17

WIA(POSS)-20

(10) CUM CAS SORTIES: UNK DAMAGE: UNK

(11) CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: NONE

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C. OBJECTIVES (1)

PROVINCE	LOCATION	TYPE	NAME	INIT/TERM
C-1 QUANG NAM	(BS 4786)	S&D	TEXAS	20293H/CONT
C-2 THUA THIEN	(YE 3644)	S&D	OREGON	20100H/CONT

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D. FORCE (2)

UNIT

OBJ CONTACT

INIT BY AIR SPT NGFS

C1 INIT/TERM

D-1 7TH MAR (ADD 3/1ST MAR) C1 21110H/211500 EN46/A4/USMC NONE

D-2 TG FOXTROT (ADD 2/1ST MAR) C2 210935H/211720H EN UNK/UNK NONE

K. LOSSES/DAM

K1 ENEMY LOSSES

UNIT	SIZE/UNIT ID	KIA/VCC	WPNS	AMMO
D-1	500/UNK	116/0	NONE	NONE
D-2	400/UNK	8/0	1 SMG	NONE

K3 FRIENDLY LOSSES

UNIT	SIZE/UNIT ID	KIA/WIA/OPTR/MIA	WFNS	AMMO
D-1	500/UNK	24/99/0/0	NONE	NONE
D-2	40/UNK	1/1/0/0	NONE	NONE

K4 FRIENDLY LOSSES

UNIT	SIZE/UNIT ID	STRUCTURES DEST/DAM	MATERIAL DEST/DAM	LOC BRIDGE/DEST
D-1	500/UNK	0/0	1 UH-345/0	0/0

K5. TOTAL FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT ACTIONS W/O CONTACTS: 301

K5A. FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT CONTACTS: 6

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ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN BARSTOW
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN ALBANY
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ZEN/FIRST MARERIG
ZEN/TWENTY SIXTH MAR (CAMPEN)
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FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NO THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN AS OF
202400Z (C)

~~THIS SUMMARIZES ACTION AND EVENTS REPORTED SINCE 202400Z.
T (C) OPERATION TEXAS, ABOUT 6 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE CHU LAI
TAOR, CONTINUES AGAINST STRENGTHENED VC RESISTANCE FROM ENTRENCHED
POSITIONS EAST OF THE CHOP TAI RIDGELINE OVERLOOKING AN NVA
OUTPOST. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES PATROLS BORDERED THE AREA
TO THE SOUTHWEST OF AN NVA IN AN EFFORT TO ISOLATE THE ENEMY
CONCENTRATING IN THAT REGION TO THE SOUTH OF THE AREA.~~

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(A) ON THE MORNING OF 21 MARCH LINK UP OF THE SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES AND THE THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES WAS MADE AT (BT 486840) SOUTHEAST OF THE RIDGELINE. 2/4 WAS THEN LIFTED TO A LANDING ZONE (BS 495835), 3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE RIDGELINE AT 211100H. HEAVY FIRE INCLUDING MORTARS, 50 CAL MG & RECOILLESS RIFLES FROM AN ESTIMATED VC BN WAS ENCOUNTERED UPON MOVING TO THE EAST (BS 500824 TO BS 500828) THE BATTALION PULLED BACK TO THE LZ TO PERMIT HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY MISSIONS ON THE WELL ENTRENCHED VC. THE THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES AFTER RESUPPLY AT (BS 4984) BEGAN SWEEPING TO THE SOUTHEAST AT 211445.

(B) THE THIRD BN, FIRST MARINES WAS COMMITTED AT 211630H WHEN IT BEGAN LANDING IN THE 2/4 ZONE (BS 495821). ONE UH-34D WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AS IT APPROACHED THE ZONE, CAUGHT FIRE AND LANDED IN AN INVERTED ATTITUDE. THE SEVEN PASSENGERS, PILOT, COPILOT AND CREW CHIEF WERE KILLED. THE GUNNER WAS REPORTED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION. THE LIFT OF THE BATTALION WAS COMPLETED BY 211750H.

(C) AN A4E SUPPORTING THE OPERATION HIT THE TOPS OF SOME BAMBOO TREES AT 211215H SEVERELY DAMAGING THE UNDERSIDE OF THE

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AIRCRAFT FORCING THE PILOT TO EJECT. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND THE PILOT WAS RECOVERED WITHOUT INJURIES.

(D) CASUALTIES AS OF 221000H INCLUDED - USMC-26 KIA, 101 WIA (ALL EVACUATED), VC 149 KIA, AND 137 POSSIBLY KILLED.

(2) TO THE NORTHWEST OF HUE PHU BAI, OPERATION OREGON IS STILL IN PROGRESS IN THE COASTAL BELT EAST OF ROUTE ONE AND ABOUT 12 MILES ABOVE HUE. VC RESISTANCE HERE IS ALSO INCREASING AS MARINES ENCOUNTERED FORTIFIED POSITIONS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS LENDING CREDENCE TO REPORTS THAT COMBAT EXPERIENCED REGULAR NVA UNITS ARE IN THE AREA.

(A) AT 211030H COS A AND B OF THE FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED AT (YD 555433) AND (YD 556433) RECEIVING INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE.

(B) THE SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES COMMENCED LANDING IN A LZ (YD 436525) THREE MILES TO THE WEST AT 211210H. BY 211530H ALL UNITS OF 2/1 AND THE TASK GROUP FOXTROT CP (FOURTH MARINES) HAD BEEN LIFTED INTO THE ZONE. THE SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES WAS NOT IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY AS OF 211530H.

(C) ANOTHER UH-34D WAS LOST ENROUTE TO DANANG FROM HUE PHU BAI ON AN EVACUATION MISSION AT 202230H. THE WRECKAGE OF THE

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AIRCRAFT WAS LATER DISCOVERED ABOUT 100 YARDS OFFSHORE TWELVE MILES NORTHWEST OF DANANG. THE WRECKAGE WAS SCATTERED AND BROKEN ON THE ROCKS; THE CREW CHIEF WAS RECOVERED IN GOOD CONDITION AND THE BODY OF ONE OF THE TWO PASSENGERS WAS ALSO RECOVERED. THE WEATHER AT THE TIME OF THIS FLIGHT WAS ABOUT 100 FT AND HEAVILY OVERCAST.

(D) BY 221000H, 42 VC HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED AND 53 MORE POSSIBLY KILLED BY AIR AND GROUND FIRES. TEN MARINES WERE KIA AND 42 WIA.

(3) III MAF GROUND ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT A HIGH RATE WITH A TOTAL OF 347 SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS BEING CONDUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH TWO MULTI-BATTALION OPERATIONS AND ONE BATTALION SIZE OPERATION. THE SMALL UNIT ACTIVITIES RESULTED IN 9 OF THE 19 CONTACTS DURING 20 MARCH. THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FLEW 200 FIXED WING AND 1356 HELICOPTER SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MAF, ARVN UNITS IN I CORPS AND 2D AIR DIVISION. THIRTY-ONE OF THE FIXED WING MISSIONS WERE RADAR CONTROLLED STRIKES CONDUCTED BY ASRT'S AT DANANG AND CHU LAI.

(4) THE III MAF G-5 BRIEFED MR. ROBERT KEATLEY, REPORTER FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, ON THE USMC CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM, THE I

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CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL AND PACIFICATION PROGRESS IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. MR. KEATLEY DISPLAYED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE NGU HANH SON PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN AND THE USMC PROGRAM IN THE HAMLET OF YEN BAC (AT 997702) 3 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. HE ALSO EXHIBITED A GREAT INTEREST IN THE I CORPS JOINT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE CENTER. HE PLANS A VISIT TO NGU HANH SON COMMAND POST, YEN BAC AND THE I CORPS JOINT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE CENTER.

(5) BLT 3/4 CONTINUED UNLOADING AND BY LATE AFTERNOON TWO RIFLE COMPANIES HAS ASSUMED POSITIONS IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES. BLT 3/4 ASSUMED TEMPORARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PHU BAI TAOR UPON THE DISPLACEMENT OF TG FOXTROT (HQ FOURTH MARINES) TO OPERATION OREGON.

(6) FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LST RAMPS AT KY HA, CHU LAI, ON 20 MARCH THERE WERE FOUR LST'S AT THE RAMP AT ONE TIME.

(7) AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED IN OPERATIONS DOUBLE EAGLE AND UTAH A NEW PSY WARFARE LEAFLET HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO INFORM VILLAGES IN AREAS WHERE U. S. MARINES AND ARVN TROOPS OPERATE, BUT DOES NOT REMAIN, THAT FRIENDLY UNITS WILL RETURN WITH
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Subject: VC Casualty Figures

Source: Maj RUDY, FMFPacCC

1. Following VC Casualty figures reported by FMFPac CC:

	Operation TEXAS	Operation OREGON
KIA	177	42
KIA (Poss)	148	53
KBA	3	
KBA (Poss)	4	17
WIA (Poss)		20
Other	13 VCS	

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1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ).

A. OPN OREGON. NEGATIVE CONTACT REPORTED AT 220800H. UPDATED CASUALTY FIGURES ARE: FDLY: 10 KIA, 42 WIA; VC: 48 KIA. TAC SORTIES TOTAL NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

B. OPN TEXAS. NEGATIVE CONTACT REPORTED AT 220800H. UPDATED CASUALTY FIGURES ARE: FDLY: 31 KIA (25 USMC), 105 WIA (61 USMC). VC: 69 KIA (46 BY USMC). TAC SORTIES TOTAL NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

C. OPN KINGS. NEGATIVE CONTACT REPORTED AS OF 220800H. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. NO TAC SORTIES FLOWN.

2. (U) II CTZ.

A. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED.

B. REF PARA 2A, MY 212347Z. CAM. LY AFLD AT DALAT WAS REOPENED AT 221100H. 1 FORCE V NOW REPORTS AIRCRAFT DAMAGE AS 2 US O1E DAMAGED (MOD), 1 US O1E DESTROYED, 1 US UH19 DAMAGED (SEVERE), 1 US H37 DAMAGED (SEVERE NOT ECONOMICALLY REPAIRED).

3. (U) III CTZ.

A. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT OR CHANGE IN RESULTS FOR ANY III CTZ OPERATIONS SINCE PARA 3 MY 211633Z.

B. TAC SORTIES FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF OPN SILVER CITY NOW TOTAL 667.

4. (C) IV CTZ.

OPERATION CUU LONG 15 CONTINUES. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 221110H. PRESENT TROOP DISPOSITION REMAINS THE SAME AS MY 221633Z. UNITS SEARCHING AREA FOR BODIES AND WPNS. ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA. ARVN: 2 KIA, 34 WIA. VC: 198 KIA (ARVN BC), 16 VCC, 36 VCS, 105 IND WPNS, 400 KILOS RICE, 10 MINES, 150,000 RDS SA AMMO, AND ONE 2.75 IN R/L SEIZED. ONE GRENADE FACTORY DESTROYED. 42 TAC SORTIES SUPPORTED OPN.

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1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ):

A. OPN TEXAS/LIEN KEL 28 CONTINUES WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED. ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES ARE US: 45 KIA, 115 WIA, ARVN: 5 KIA, 26 WIA, 2 MIA. VC: 162 KIA, 1 VCC, 13 VCS. 193 TAC AIR SORTIES SUPPORTED.

B. OPN OREGON CONTINUES WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED. ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES ARE US: 10 KIA, 42 WIA. VC: 42 KIA, 24 TAC AIR SORTIES SUPPORTED.

C. OPN KINGS CONTINUES WITH NO CONTACT REPORTED. ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES ARE US: 10 WIA, 4 TAC AIR SORTIES SUPPORTED.

2. (U) II CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. OPN DAN TAM 40 TERMINATED 211845H. REF MY 170257Z, ALL OBJECTIVES LOCATED IN THE STRIKE AREA WERE OCCUPIED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS BEING REPORTED. FINAL RESULTS OF THE OPN ARE FRIENDLY: NONE. VC: 8 KIA (ARVN 3C), 5 VCC, 61 VCS, 5 IND WPN.

B. OPN SILVER CITY, 1732 ADN BDE WITHDRAWN FROM OPN AREA TODAY. MOVEMENT TO THE BDE TAOR BASE CAMP COMPLETED 221700H. SILVER CITY CONTINUES WITH THE 1ST BDE 1ST DIV CONSISTING OF 1/28 INFF, 1/4 CIV (-) AND SUPPORTING ARTILLERY. 1ST BDE IS TO CLEAR THE OPERATIONAL AREA TOMORROW AND THE OPERATION SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE. RESULTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

OPN CUU LONG 15. FRIENDLY UNITS REMAIN IN OPERATIONAL AREA FOR THE NIGHT. PLANS ARE TO RETURN UNITS TO HOME STATION EARLY 23 MARCH. CORRECTED ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES ARE US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA. ARVN: 2 KIA, 34 WIA. VC: 229 KIA (3C), 16 VCC, 34 VCS. CORRECTED LIST OF WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES CAPTURED IS: 400 KILOS OF RICE, 30 ANTI-TANK ROCKETS, 1 ROCKET LAUNCHER, 100 BOOBY TRAP, 400 RDS SA, 79 IND WPNS.

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I. OPERATIONS.

A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPN TEXAS. AT 210630H 3/7TH MAR COMMENCED S&D
 OPN EAST FROM (BS 496843) BUT HAD NO CONTACT THROUGHOUT MORNING.
 AT 210900H 7TH MARINES COMMITTED 2/4TH MAR, WHICH COMMENCED
 HELO LANDING IN 22 MAG-36 UH-34D ACFT. VIC (BS 494826). HEAVY
 SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM EST 40 VC VIC (BS 502826) DURING LANDING.

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FIRE RETURNED KILLING 2 VC. 1 USMC WIA. AFTER DEPLOYING, 2/4TH MAR COMMENCED ATTACK TO EAST FROM LZ AT 211225H. BN CAME UNDER EXTREMELY HEAVY SA, 57MM, 60MM AND 81MM MORTAR AND 50 CAL FIRE FROM ESTIMATED VC BN IN FORTIFIED VILLAGE VIC (EH 502826) AND REQUESTED HEAVY ARTY AND AIR STRIKES. 2/4TH MAR TOOK UP PSNS VIC (BS 497829) TO (BS 497824) AND CONTINUED TO APPLY PRESSURE TO VC PSNS DURING THE NIGHT IN PREPARATION FOR MOVING OUT IN ATTACK IN MORNING. 3/7TH MAR ASSEMBLED FOR RESUPPLY VIC (BS 4984); REDEPLOYED, AND CONTINUED SWEEP AT 211445H MOVING SE WITH CO L ON LEFT AND CO K ON RIGHT. AT 211515H CO L RECEIVED SA FROM VIC (BS 505847). BN CONTINUED TO HAVE CONTACT DURING MOVEMENT EAST TO (BS 550883) RECEIVING SA, AW AND 81MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 211630H 3/1ST MAR COMMENCED LANDING VIC (BS 495885) COMPLETING LIFT BY 211730H. DURING LIFT UH-34D HIT BY GROUND FIRE, CRASHED IN ZONE AND BURNED WITH 10 KIA, 1 WIA. PRESENT PSNS: 3/7TH MAR, (BT 509845) TO (BS 550883); 2/4TH MAR, (BS 497829) TO (BS 497824); 3/1ST MAR, (BS 495804). ARVN FORCES COMMITTED 1/5TH REGT (VN) AND 4/4TH APC WHICH CONTINUED DRIVE EASTWARD ON 7TH MAR LEFT (NORTH) FLANK. CUM CAS: VC: KIA-117, KIA(POSS)-143, KBA-32, KBA(POSS)-46, VCS-13; USMC: KIA-25

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2. OPN OREGON. VC ACTIVITY IN OPN OREGON DIMINISHED DURING PERIOD. AT 211140H 1/4TH MAR VIC (YD 553433) REPORTED 8 VC KIA, 1 SMG, AMMO AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED. 2/1ST MAR JOINED OPN 211145H WHEN LIFTED INTO LZ DUCK (YD 528438) AND AT 211345H COMMENCED S&D OPN EAST. TASK GROUP FOXTROT AT 211410H DEPARTED PHU BAI AND OPENED OP AT (YD 466435). AT 211720H AO CALLED ARTY MSN ON VC PLAT IN OPEN VIC (YD 580418) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. CUM CAS: VC: KIA-42, KI(POSS)-53, KBA(POSS)-17, WIA(POSS)-20; USMC: KIA-10 AND WIA-42.

B. DANANG TAOR

1. 3D MARINES

(A) 1/3D MAR. AT 211030H CO D SQD S&D PATROL DISARMED AND REMOVED 2 BOOBY TRAPS NEAR TRAIL AT (AT 877833). AT 212030H CO C SQD S&D PATROL TOOK UNDER FIRE 1 VC AT (AT 933868); PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT OF EST 5 MORE VC RUNNING; VC THEN FIRED 8 RDS SA FIRE BEFORE BREAKING CONTACT. SEARCH OF AREAS PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 2/3D MAR. AT 211105H CO G S&D PATROL DETONATED MINE AT (AT 875714) WOUNDING 2 USMC (MED EVAC). SEARCH OF AREA HAD

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2. 9TH MARINES
(A) 2/9TH MAR. SUPPLYING CO E AT 210745H MAG-16 HELICOPTER RE-
CEIVED 10 RDS SA FROM VIC (BT
013593). SQD SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 21100H
RDS SA FROM 1 VC (OPCON 2/9TH MAR) S&D OPN RECEIVED 150 RDS TO 15
UNKNOWN RESULTS. ONE (AT 980611). CO RETURNED 12 RDS
MARINE DETONATED. UNKNOWN DEVISE (AT 985628) RESULTING
(MED EVAC). AT 211130H CO K/3/9TH MAR SEARCHED OF AREA
A AT 2 VC VIC (AT 996604). EST 2 KIA FIRED GRENADE WHICH WAS DESTROYED
DETONATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 211345H CO K/3/9TH MAR
IN 4 USMC TRIP-WIRED CHICOM (RENADE 211345H CO K/3/9TH MAR
REVEALED. ANOTHER TRIP-WIRED CHICOM (BT 007612) RECEIVED
IN PLACE. AT 212045H CO F PERIMETER GRENADE (BT 007612) RECEIVED
MODERATE SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 007615). CO ILLUM AREA AND RETURNED THREE
3.5 AKTS RDS AND 7 M-79 RDS BUT UNABLE TO DETERMINE EXACT VC
POSITIONS.
(B) 3/9TH MAR. AT 210815H CO 1 PLAT S&D PATROL

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VIC (BT 071123) FIRED 15 RDS SA AT VC WHO WENT INTO HOW VIC
(BT 071624). PATROL PURSUED AND KILLED VC WITH HAND GRENADE
THROW INTO HOLE. AT 210915H CO 1 PLAT S&D PATROL VIC
(BT 070617) RECEIVED 7 RDS SA FIRE FROM EST 3 TO 4 VC VIC (BT
09616). PLAT RETURNED 150 RDS SA. 11 RDS SA AND 2 LAAM
RDS. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 VC KIA. AT 211045H CO 1 PLAT
S&D PATROL OF VIC (BT 062623) FIRED 3 SA RDS IN 1 VC KIA AND 1 M-79 RD AT
ARMED VC VIC (BT 062624). RESULTING SA RDS AND AMMO CAPTURED. AT
211100H CO 1 PLAT RIFLE, CARTRIDGE, VIC (BT 063631) FIRED 5 RDS
SA AT 1 VC VIC (BT 063631) KILLING HIM AND CAPTURING DOCUMENTS.
AT 211345H CO L PLAT PATROL KILLING HIM AND CAPTURING DOCUMENTS.
FROM UNDETERMINED PSN TO VIC (BT 093685), WOUNDING 7 MARINES; ONE LATER
APPROX 12 VC VIC (BT 093685), WOUNDING 7 MARINES; ONE LATER
CO M SQD PATROL (BT 093685), WOUNDING 7 MARINES; ONE LATER
SQUADS WITH TANKS DISPATCHED TO SCENE. FIREFIGHT 7 VC KIA AND ATTACKED.
KIA (POSS), 2 CHICOM SMG, 1 M-14 RIFLE, 7 VC KIA AND ATTACKED.
GRENADE LAUNCHER AND 3 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 SNIPER (BC), RIFLE
AND WAR. AT 210005H CO K SQD PATROL VIC CAPTURED.

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(AT 957667) APPREHENDED 1 MALE VCS.
3. 3D RECON BN. CO A CONDUCTED PLAT RECON PON VIC
(ZC 1984) REPORTING AT 210830H DISCOVERY OF VC CAMP CONTAINING
4 HUTS. SMALL CAVE, NUMEROUS COOKING UTENSILS AND 5 GALLON
CANS. CAMP APPEARED ABANDONED QUICKLY ABOUT MONTH AGO. CO
A CONDUCTED PLAT SIZE OPN VIC (U1 8277) AND REPORTED VC CAMPR
SITE VIC (AT 097715) ABOUT 4 MONTHS AGO. NO SHELTERS
CONSTRUCTED NBXT CLEARED AREA
DUNOUGH FOR 1 VEN.
4. 3D ENGR BN. 105 EN M

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5. 11TH MARINES & -5 210925 * 754/3/2/1002 -4 1S
20. ROL VIC CAT 985667 ENTERED 2 VC IN CAVENMIC
(A) 3566 WHM THREW 2 GRENADES AT PATROL. PVSSSES RETURNED
1 GRENADE WHICH KILLED BOTH VC.
MISSIONS FIRED: 75197
OBSERVED: 16
UNOBSERVED: 181
H&I: 180
AMMO EXPENDED
105MM - 348 HE, 1 ILLUM, 2 WP, 3 HC
81MM - 9 HE
155HOW - 60 HE
155GUN - HE, 3 WP
8 INCH - HE
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED - 681
CUJ CHU LAI TAOR
1. RECON GROUP ALFA. 2D PLT CO B 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED
PLAT OPN VIC (BT 3803) AND (BT 3902) REPORTING AT 211025H 4
ARMED MEN MOVING WEST VIC (BT 372016).

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2. 11TH MARINES
MISSIONS FIRED: 90
OBSERVED: 31
UNOBSERVED: 59
H&I: 59
AMMO EXPENDED
105MM - 1579 HE, 4 ILLUM, 170 WP, 13 HC
81MM - 34 HE
155HOW - 251 HE, 19 WP
155GUN - 55 HE
8 INCH - 7 HE
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED - 2642
D. RUE - PHU BAI TAOR
1. 3/4TH MAR. BN ASSUMED DEFENSE OF PHU BAI TAOR AT
211140H WHEN TASK GROUP FOXTROT DEPARTED FOR OPERATION OREGON.
AT 210853H M-37 TRUCK STRUCK MINE VIC (YD 880107) CAUSING 5
USMC WIA (MED EVAC).
2. 1/13T MAR. AT 211025H ELECTRICALLY
DETONATED MINE VIC (YD 807160) DAMAGED RIGHT FRONT OF M-35 TRUCK
BUT CAUSED NO CASUALTIES. FEMALE VCS ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE AREA

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3. 4/12TH MAR AT 210818H BTRY B/1/11TH MAR (OPCON 4/12TH MAR) COLLECTED 100 CIVILIANS VIC MINED VEHICLE (YD 880107) AND DELIVERED TO CIT AT PHU BAI (YD 911118) WHERE THEY WERE INTERROGATED AND RELEASED.

MISSIONS FIRED: 73

OBSERVED: 3

UNOBSERVED: 70

HELI: 70

AMMO EXPENDED

105MM - 36 HE

155GUN - 34 HE, 3 ILLUM

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED - 79

E. GENERAL

1. AIR BASE DEFENSE BN. 1/9TH MAR. CONTINUED PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN DEFENSE OF DANANG AND MARBLE MT AIR BASE WITHOUT CONTACT.

2. TWO INSTANCES REPORTED OF VIETNAMESE NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION ABOUT VC DIRECTLY TO MARINES. (SEE INTSUM NR 80).

(A) 191600H. 3/30 MAR REPORTED VILLAGERS OF DONG

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PHU (1) (AT 949630) STATED 2 VC KIA ON 6 MARCH WERE BURIED IN VILLAGE.

(B) 191342H. 2/30 MAR REPORTS VILLAGERS AT (AT 9660) STATED 200 VC HAD BEEN AT THAT LOCATION ON NIGHT OF 18 MARCH. VILLAGERS ALSO STATED VC CARRIED AWAY AT LEAST 30 VC KIA.

3. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NO CONTACT.

4. EFFECT OF WEATHER ON OPERATIONS. GOOD WEATHER THROUGHOUT AREA FAVORED 3D MARDIV AND 1ST MAW OPNS.

5. RECAP OF BN SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

UNIT	PATROLS		AMBUSHES		LIST SCOUT		S&D OPNS	
	FT	SQD PLAT	FT	SQD PLAT	POST	SNIPER	SQD PLAT	CO BN
1/9	13		2				22	
1/3	2		29	1			19	1
2/3		3	20				21	
2/9			1	10		17	10	2
3/9			2	7		7	8	1
3/3				10		11	10	1
3D RECON			15					2
DANANG TOTAL	15	3	15	3	78	1	35	96
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CHULAI TOTAL	5	13	2	5	5	1	37	3	1
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PHU BAI TOTAL	43				18		3		

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III MAF TOTAL 20 59 17 8 101 2 75 99 6 4 1

TOTAL CONTACTS: 17; 3 NIGHT, 14 DAY, 11 VC INITIATED

CASUALTIES: VC: 13 KIA, 7 KIA (POSS), 2 VCS

USMC: 1 DOW, 21 WIA

WPNS CAPTURED: 1 .30 CAL SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, 2 CHICOM SMG, 1
M-14 RIFLE, 1 SNIPER RIFLE WITH GRENADE LAUNCHER,
5 CHICOM GRENADES

II. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING OPERATIONS**A. MAG-11**

1. ACFT OF MAG-11 FLEW 75 SORTIES FOR 107 HOURS. 36
TONS BOMBS, 136 ROCKETS AND 700 RDS 20MM EXPENDED. 39
STRUCTURES AND 3 BARGES DESTROYED, 1 BRIDGE DAMAGED AND 3 ROADS
CRATERED. TWO F4B OF VMFA-542 FLYING CAS VSN FOR OPN OREGON
RECEIVED SA FIRE VIO (YD 577415). ONE ACFT HAD 3 HITS IN PORT
WING BUT ABLE TO RETURN TO DANANG WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

B. MAG-12

1. A4 OF MAG-11 FLEW 126 SORTIES FOR 151 HOURS. 64
TONS BOMBS AND NAPALM, 59 ZUNI ROCKETS AND 656 RDS 20MM
EXPENDED, 132 STRUCTURES AND 2 AUTO WPNS PSNS DESTROYED, 9
STRUCTURES AND 1 AUTO WPNS PSN DAMAGED, 26 VC KBA (POSS) AND

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OPERATION TEXAS.

C. MAG-36

1. SIX CH-46 OF HMM-164 AUGMENTED MAG-36 FORCES TO
SUPPORT OPN TEXAS CARRYING 32,000 LBS CARGO, 89 MARINES AND
51 MED EVACS. TWO CH-37 LIFTED 96 MARINES AND 7,700 LBS
CARGO FROM PHU BAI TO LZ AT (YD 528438), IN SUPPORT OF OPN OREGON.
EIGHT HMM-361 UH-34D CARRIED 51,050 LBS CARGO AND 63 PAX
FROM DANANG TO QUE SON (BT 045350) ON 1 CORPS LOGISTIC SUPPORT
MSN.2. SEARCH CONTINUED FOR UH-34D MISSING SINCE 202100H.
TWO UH-34D ENROUTE TO QUANG TRI LOCATED SURVIVOR OF CRASH
AT (AT 890990) RETURNING HIM TO MARBLE MT AIRFIELD. FOUR
UH-34D OF HMM-361 FLEW 25 HOURS SUPPORTING SEARCH OPERATIONS.
BODY OF ONE PAX LOCATED AND TAKEN TO C MED. SEVERAL FRAGMENTS
BELIEVED TO BE FROM MISSING ACFT SIGHTED ALONG COASTLINE NEAR
AN CU (AT 982962) BUT SURF CONDITIONS PREVENTED RECOVERY OF
FRAGMENTS. SEARCH OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. DAILY SORTIE RECAP

FLOWN FOR	A4	F4B	F8E	RF-8E	EF-108	UH-34D	UH-1E	CH-37	CH-46
111 MAF	77	18	15	8	0	111	282	24	82
1 CORPS	25	12	0	0	0	14	5	4	0
2D AIRDIV	24	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	126	46	21	8	0	125	288	28	82

E. MWHG-1

1. LAAM BN EXERCISES

	AIR DEF EXERCISES	SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS	ACFT DESIG PRAC LGTS	SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS
1ST LAAM BN	3	3	6	6
2D LAAM BN	3	3	27	22
TOTAL	6	6	33	28

2. MACS-7 OPERATIONS

	ACFT TRACKED	ACFT PROV NAV ASST	ACFT HANDOFFS TO APPROACH CONTROL	IFF/SIR SYSTEM CHECKS
MACS-7	33	32	3	29
DET A	1	11	0	1
TOTAL	48	43	3	30

3. MASS-2 OPERATIONS

LOCATION	HELO MSNS MED EVAC	OTHER	FIXED WING
DASC DANANG	18	35	9
DASC CHU LAI	9	21	27
TOTAL	27	56	36

4. ASRT SUMMARY

LOCATION	NO MSNS	NR/TYPE ACFT
DANANG	4	3 F4B, 2 F8E
CHU LAI	23	2 F4B, 21 A4
PHU BAI	3	3 F4

III. MY NEXT SUMMARY DUE 242400Z MARCH 1966.

IV. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MESSAGE; FOLLOW UP AIR MAIL DELIVERY TO
ALL ADDRESSES.

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ZEN2/CG FIELD FORCE ONE NHA TRANG RVN

ZEN/CG FIELD FORCE TWO BIEN HOA RVN

DDKUV/CTF SEVEN SIX

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1. OPN SUMMARY

A. GENERAL

(1) OPN TEXAS: TASK GROUP DELTA REACTIVATED 220008H;
 ASSUMED CONTROL OF OPN TEXAS. AT 220730H 3/7TT AR COMMENCED
 SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN MOVING FROM VIC (BS 5083) TO PHASE LINE
 RED WITH NEGLIGIBLE CONTACT DURING MORNING. BN APPREHENDED 4 VCS
 AND FOUND 1 VC BODY WITH K-47 RIFLE AND 60MM MORTAR DURING MORNING
 HOURS. AT 220430H 2/4TH MAR ENTERED VILLAGE VIC (BS 502326)

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 AND BEGAN DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. VILLAGE HAD
 ELABORATE TRENCHWORK WITH HEAVILY CONSTRUCTED WELL POSITIONED
 EMBLEMMENTS INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF A COMMAND POST OR GARRISON.
 ONE HUNDRED FRESH GRAVES WITH BODIES WERE UNCOVERED, AS WELL AS 2
 AMMO CACHES WITH 107 60MM AND 60 RDS 82MM RDS MORTAR AMMO,
 1 60MM MORTAR, 3 M-1 RIFLES, 1 AT WFL, 1 CHICOM 3MG, 1 CHICOM
 CARBINE, 1 M-70, 1 ANPRC/10 AND MANY DOCUMENTS CAPTURED. AT
 221400H 3/1ST MAR CONTINUED SEARCH OF QUAN HOA (1) VIC
 (BS 507805). BN CP AND CO M MOVED SOUTHEAST AT 221405H TO TAKE
 HILL 65 VIC (BS 524792). AFTER EFFECTIVE AIR AND ARTY PREP, CO M WND
 STRIKE CO 2D ARVN DIV ATTACKED HILL AT 221600H, SECURING IT BY
 221700H. DURING AFTERNOON HOURS, 2/4TH MAR CONTINUED SEARCH AND
 DESTROY IN SAME AREA. AT 221215H STRIKE CO VIC (BS 502820) RECEIVED
 SA FROM VIC (BS 503828). FIRE RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. CO K
 AND I, 3/7TH MAR CONTINUED SWEEPS TO EAST IN AFTERNOON. AT
 221630H BN CP AND CO L LIFTED FROM VIC (BS 501843) TO VIC (BS 566774)
 LIFT COMPLETEDS221745H WITH NO CONTACT. COS COMMENCED SWEEP SOUTH.
 AT 221830H BOTH COS RECD HEAVY FIRE FROM VIC (BS 555765 - 563765).
 COS SUSTAINED 3 KIA AND 27 WIA. COS HOLDING LINE VIC (BS 555770).
 PRESENT POSITIONS ARE: 3/7TH MAR VIC (BS 566774), 2/4TH MAR VIC

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 (BS 492327) AND 3/1ST MAR VIC (BS 531792).
 (2) OPN OREGON. 1/4TH MAR ADVANCED TO EAST ARRIVING AT
 221035H VIC (YD 550430) AND AT (YD 566426) BY 221120H WITHOUT
 CONTACT. AT 221230H 1/4TH MAR ENGAGED UNK NUMBER VC KILLING 1 AND
 WOUNDING 5. AT 221335H 1/4TH MAR CONTACT RESULTED IN 2 VC KIA,
 4 VCS WIA. AT 221605H 1/4TH MAR HAD ADVANCED TO (BS 595403) WITH
 NO ADDITIONAL CONTACT. FOXTROT DELIBERATE S&D CONT TO PROVIDE
 CONFIRMED VC CASUALTY XJGURES REFLECTED IN PARAGRAPHS 1.C.2 AND 2.
 K1. PRESENT POSITIONS: TG FOXTROT (YD 550438), 1/4VXH MAR (YD 595400")
 AND 161ST MAR (YD 533450).

B. PLANS SUMMARY

(1) OPN TEXAS. 2/4TH MAR AND 3/1ST MAR ATTACK ABREAST TO EAST
 ON 23 MAR. UPON REACHING POSITIONS NORTH OF 3/7, 3 BNS CONTINUE
 ATTACK TO EAST TOWARD HWY NR 1.

(2) OPN OREGON. TASK GROUP FOXTROT CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY
 OPERATIONS.

C. MAJOR UNIT OPN:

1. (A) NAME OF OPN: TEXAS

(B) CONTROL HQS: TASK FORCE DELTAAS

(G) ADD TASK FORCE DELTAA

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(H) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING

(I) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

LMC ENEMY
 KIA-42 KIA-170
 WIA 129 KIA (POSS) - 151
 KBA-32
 KBA (POSS) - 46
 VCC - 1
 VCS - 35
 15 WPNS

(J) CUM CA SORTIES: 99 DAMAGE: UNK

(K) CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: NONE

2. (A) NAME OF OPN: OREGON

(H) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING

(I) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

USMC ENEMY
 KIA-10 KIA-99
 WIA-43 KIA (POSS) - 53
 VCS- 39
 WPNS-3

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(J) CUM CAS SORTIES: 24 DAMAGE: UNK

(K) CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: NONE

2. CONFIDENTIAL - STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

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C. OBJECTIVES (1)

PROVINCE	LOCATION	TYPE	NAME	UNIT/TERM
C-1 QUANG NGAI	(BS 4786)	S&D	TEXAS	200930H/CONT
C-2 THUA THIEN	(YD 5644)	S&D	OREGON	201000H/CONT

D. FORCE (2)

CONTACTS

UNIT	OBJ (3)	INIT/TERM	INIT BY	AIR SPT	NGFS
D-1 TG DELTA (ADD TG DELTA)	C1	220800H/221945H	USMC	20A4, 11F-4/USMC	EDE-2 TF FG
TROT	C2	221230H/222348H	USMC	4F4/USMC	NONE

K. LOSSES/DAM

K1. ENEMY LOSSES

UNIT	SIZE/UNIT	UU NKNPCLA/(21):	WPNS	AMMO
D-1	800/ELMS	1STHVC REGT	53/1	UNK
D-2	UNK/UNK		57/3	UNK

K3. FRIENDLY LOSSES

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1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ): UPDATED RESULTS USMC

OPNS.

	OREGON	TEXAS	KINGS
	99	258	13
	8	1	0
VCS	0	35	0

NO CHANGE IN TAC SORTIES SINCE MY 221454Z.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPERATION TIGER V. AFTER TWO DELAYS THIS OPERATION ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 19 MAR (PARA 2B, MY 161529Z MAR) COMMENCED 230400. CONCEPT REMAINS SAME AS CITED REFERENCE. FORCE NOW INCLUDES 4 BNS RATHER THAN 3 AS PREVIOUSLY STATED. 2 AND 3 BNS 1ST REGT AND 1 AND 2 BNS CAV REGT COMPRISE THE MANEUVER ELMS. TWO BATTALIONS AND ONE BATTALION MINUS, BEGAN SEARCH AND DESTROY FROM WESTERN BOUNDARY OF AO TOWARD OBJECTIVE 1 (CR033438) AND OBJECTIVE 3 (BR985405). AN ADDITIONAL BATTALION BEGAN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY TOWARD OBJECTIVE 2 (CRP35415). ONE COMPANY WAS AIR LANDED IN OBJECTIVE 1, CLOSING 0730, AND AS OF 0830 REPORTS 6 ROK WIA AND 15 VC KIA (BC), 4 VCS WITH 3 IWPNS AND 1 C/S WPN CAPTURED. INTERIM RESULTS (CUM) AS OF 0930: ROK 1 KIA AND 9 WIA. VC 26 KIA, 20 VCS WITH 5 IWPNS, 1 C/S WPN, 7 GRENADES AND 3 RDS 60MM MORTAR CAPTURED. NO TAC SORTIES IN SPT AT THIS TIME.

B. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED IN CTZ.

3. (U) III CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

4. (U) IV CTZ:

A. UNITS PARTICIPATING IN OPN CUU LONG 15 COMMENCED EXTRACTION BY HCPTR EARLY 23 MAR.

B. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED IN IV CTZ.

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I. OPERATIONS

A. MAJOR UNIZROPERATIONS

1. OPN TEXAS: TASK GROUP DELTA REACTIVATED 220008HLV
ASSUMED CONTROL OF OPN TEXAS AT 220730H 3/7TH MAR VW.3, 3S
3-4: -, S 335496 90, .9; 8, 8 149. (BS 5083) TO PHASE LINE
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HOURS. AT 220430H 2/4TH MAR ENTERED VILLAGE VIC (BS 502826) AND BEGAN DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. VILLAGE HAD ELABORATE TRENCHWORK WITH HEAVILY CONSTRUCTED WELL POSITIONED

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EMPLACEMENTS INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF COMMAND POST OR GARRISON. ONE HUNDRED FRESH GRAVES WITH BODIES WERE UNCOVERED, AS WELL AS 2 AMMO CACHES WITH 107 60MM AND 60 RDS 82MM REB MORTAR AMMO, 1 60MM MORTAR, 3 M-1 RIK ES, 1 ET WPN. 7.18, 8.9, .4, 1 CHICOM CARBINEZS M-0, 1AN/PRC-10 AND MANY DOCUMENTS CAPTURED. AT 221400H 3/1ST MAR CONTINUED SEARCH OFFERUAN HOA (1) VIC (BS 507808). BN CP AND CO M MOVED SOUTHEAST AT 22105H TO TAKE HILL 65 VIC (BS 524792). AFTER EFFECTIVE AIR AND ARTY PREP, CO M AND STRIKE CO 2D ARVN DIV ATTACHED HILL AT 221600H, SECURING IT BY 221700H. DURING AFTSHNOON HOURS, 2/4TH MAR CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN SAME AREA. AT 221215H STRIKE CO VIC (BS 502820) RECEICSD SA FIRE FROM FROM VIC (BS 503828). FIE RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. CO K AND I, 3/7TH MAR CMNTINUED SWEEPS TOPEAST IN AXOARNOON. AT 221600H 24 MAG-36PUH-34D AND 2 CM-46 ACCOMPANIED 19 ; ARMEDPUH-1E'S LIFTED 3/7TH MAR COMMAND GROUP AND CO L FROM (BS 501844). HREP OF NEW LZ VIC (BS 563776) ZAS DELIVERED BY MAG-12 ^ ACFT WHICH DESTROYED 15 STRUCTURES AND CLAIMED 3 VC KBE

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(POSSIBLZ). DURING LANDING UN-1E TOOK 8 VC UNDER FIRE, KILLING 2 AND POSSIBLY KILLING 6 OTHERS. CO'S COMMENCED SWEEP SOUTH. AT 221830H BOTH BOS RECD HEAVY FIRE FROM VIC (BS 555765-568765). COS SUSTAINED 3 KIA AND 27 WIA. COS HOLDING LINE VIC (BS 555770). PRESENT POSITIONS ARE: 3/7TH MAR VIC (BS 566774), 2/4TH MAR VIC (BS 498827) AND 3/1ST MAR VIC (BS 531792). M/3/7TH MAR PROVIDES SECURITY FOR 3/11TH MAR, WITH BATTERIES I, H, AND M/4/11TH MAR LOC (BS 5689). K/4/11TH MAR OCCUPIES FIRING POSITIONS VIC (BS 6091). CUM CAS: VC: KIA-170, KIA-151 (POSS), KBA-32, KBA-46 (POSS), VCC-1, VCS-35, 15 WPNS. USMC: KIA-42, WIA-129.
2. OPN OREGON. 1/4TH MAR ADVANCED TO EAST ARRIVING AT 22135H VIC (YD 550430) AND AT (YD 566426) BY 221120H WITHOUT CONTACT. AT 221230H 1/4TH MAR ENGAGED UNK NUMBER VC KILLING 1 ND WOUNDING IF5. AT 221335H 1/4TH MAR CTXTACT RESULTED IN 2 VC KIA, 4 VCS WIA. AT 221605H 1/4TH MAR HAD ADVANCED TO (BS 559503) WITH NO ADDITIONAL CONTACT. PRESENT POSITIONS: TG FOXTROT (YD 530438), 1/4TH MAR (YD 559403), 2/1ST MAR 6 :1/12TH MAR, M/4/12TH MAR AND PROVISIONAL BATTERY/4/12TH MAR AT (YD 555443). CUM CAS: VC: KIA-99, KIA-53 (POSS), VCS-39, WPNS-3. USMCBC KIA-10, WIA-43.

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(2) OPERATION OREGON. TASK GROUP FOXTROT COMMANDED BY CO 3D MARINES, COL THELL H. FISHER, CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS 12 MILES NORTH OF HUE AGAINST LIGHT CONTACTS WITH OCCASIONAL SHARP FIREFIGHTS. THE TG CP IS LOCATED AT YD 466435.

(A) THE FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES AT 220730H STARTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS INTO VC POSITIONS IN GRID SQUARES (YD 5741, 5841, 5842). AT 211720H AN AERIAL OBSERVER CALLED IN AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON A VC PLATOON IN THE OPEN (YD 580417) BUT RESULTS HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED. AT 221200H THE BATTALION WAS LOCATED AT (YD 550430) AND WAS STILL ON THE MOVE WITHOUT CONTACT.

(B) THE SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES AFTER LANDING IN LZ DUCK (YD 436525) COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TO THE EAST. NO CONTACTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

(C) A TELEPHONIC REPORT REVEALED THAT 4TH BN, 12TH MARINES ARTILLERY UNITS HAD RECEIVED 15 ROUNDS OF 81 MM MORTAR FIRE IN POSITIONS AT (YD 524349) SHORTLY BEFORE 222400H. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

(D) H&MS-16 CH-37'S LIFTED 8 TONS FROM PHU BAI TO THE OREGON AREA OF OPERATIONS.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATION GREGON

BATTALION SIZED S&D OPERATION APPROXIMATELY 22 MILES NW PHU BAI

PARTICIPATING FORCES - TG FOXTROT

1/4(-)

W BTRY, (4.2)

M BTRY, 4/12

2/1(-)

U/I FORCES FROM 1ST ARVN DIV

DURATION PLANNED FOR ABOUT 48 HOURS. OPERATION TO COMMENCE WITH LANDING 200815 IN LZ

(1) LANDINGS DELAYED 2 HOURS BY WEATHER.

1/4 ASSAULT ELEMENTS RECEIVED FIRE IN LZ AT APPROXIMATELY 201050. CONTACT MADE WITH DUG IN VC SQUAD AT 201445. 7 MARINES WIA. NO REPORTED VC CASUALTIES.

(2) 1/4(-) MOVED OUT TO N & NW. ENGAGED 3 VC COMPANIES. CONTACT BROKEN AT 202145.

(3) 1/4 COMMENCED SWEEP OF FORTIFIED VILLAGE AT 211030. 1/4 HEAVILY ENGAGED VIC 555433.

(4) FIRST WAVE 2/1 LANDED LZ 211135. ALL ELEMENTS IN LZ BY 211530. 2/1 REPORTS NEGATIVE CONTACT.

TOTAL CASUALTIES TO DATE: AS OF 222400H

USMC
KIA TO
WIA 42

VC
KIA 99 (BC)
KIA 53 (POSS)
WIA 100 (POSS)
VCC 8
VCS 39

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RUABQL/CG FMFPAC/1 MAC (FWD)
RUABQL/CG FIRST MARDIV
RUHDFD/CG THIRD MAF
RUABQL/NINTH MAB (PROV)
ZEN/CG FMFLANT
ZEN/CG 111 MAF
ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV(2) OPERATION OREGON WAS TERMINATED IN THE AREA 12
MILES NORTHWEST OF PHU BAI AT 231100H WITHOUT FURTHER CON-
TACT, AND UNITS OF TG FOXTROT BEGAN MOVEMENT BY HELICOPTER BACK TO
THE PHU BAI AREA. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES AS OF 231100H:

KIA	USMC	VC
WIA	12	99
	42	100 (EST)
		8 VC CAPTURED
		39 VC SUSPECTS APPREHENDED
		3 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AMPLIFYING ITEMS
REPORTED IN SITREP 358, RELATIVE TO THE POLITICAL UNREST
IN THE I CORPS AREA, THE NATURE OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND REPORTS
CONCERNING GENERAL THI ARE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2E(3) BELOW.
LAST REPORTS INDICATE THAT GENERAL THI REMAINED AT HUE THROUGH
221600H AND APPEARED TO BE MAKING NO PREPARATIONS FOR A
RETURN TO SAIGON.(4) THE NINTH MARINES HAVE INSTITUTED AND ARE EMPLOYING
A SYSTEM, CALLED COUNTY FAIR, OF CORDONING AND SEARCHING
A SPECIFIC HAMLET. THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE OPERATION, THE
HAMLET IS CORDONED OFF AND THEN SEARCHED, BEGINNING AT DAY-
LIGHT THE FOLLOWING MORNING. LOUSPEAKERS ALERT THE PEOPLE
TO THE OPERATION AS IT COMMENCES, AND VIETNAMESE POLITICAL
ACTION CADRE AND INTERPRETERS ARE EMPLOYED. THE NICKNAME
IS DERIVED FROM THE COLORFUL TENTS USED BY THE SEARCH FORCES
ADDING TO THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL
REASONS OF THE CORDON IS TO PERMIT A DELIBERATE CENSUS OF

WERE REPORTED.

(B) TASK GROUP FOXTROT (3D MAR HQ), THE SECOND BN,
FIRST MARINES AND THE FIRST BN (3D) FOURTH MARINES ARE RE-
TURNING TO PHU BAI AFTER OPERATION OREGON. (SEE HIGH-
LIGHTS).FINAL ON
OREGON

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Task Force Fox Trot

1/4 (-) A+B, E/2/1

2/1 (-) G+H C/1/1

W Btry H.2

M " 4/12 155 How

Landed 5344 201000H 1/4 (-)

Engaged 3 VC Co 201615 - 202145H
at YD 5544

Engaged 555433 at 211030H - cont

2/1 Landed 211135 - 1530H neg contact

Cas

1 KIA
42 WIA

VC
42 ~~34~~ KIA (BC)

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